

December 6, 2011

Michael Machado Delta Protection Commission P.O. Box 530 Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Dear Mr. Machado and Commissioners:

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Benicia strongly continue to support inclusion of the Benicia/Vallejo area of the Carquinez Strait as part of the Delta National Heritage Area. The recent Department of Parks and Recreation draft Delta Recreation Plan highlights the Carquinez Strait's roles with its water access, historic assets and cities positioned to provide needed services.

The City Council supports the Delta Protection Commission's desire to enhance the Delta as a place and promote the Delta economy.

Our City is proud that our area of southern Solano County is rich with resources that embody the diversity and value of the Delta.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Patterson

Mayor

Mark Hughes

Council Member

Tom Campbell Vice Mayor

Alan Schwartzman Council Member

Christina Strawbridge

Council Member